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GRANZYMES" by Philip G. Ashton-Rickardt and Joseph T. Opferman -

Client Ref. UCHI:917

Our Ref. ARCD:382US/10109293

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Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced patent application is:

- (1) A Response to Restriction Requirement dated November 12, 2002; and
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND SPECIES ELECTION **REQUIREMENT DATED NOVEMBER 12, 2002**

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement and Species Election Requirement dated November 12, 2002, for which the date for response is December 12, 2002.

No fees are believed due with this response. However, should any fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed required for any reason pertaining to this papar, consider this paragraph a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee from Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Account No. 50-1212/10109293/01999.

A. Restriction Requirement

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In response to the restriction requirement imposed by the Examiner, Applicants elect without traverse, to prosecute claims 1-25, *i.e.*, the **Group I** claims, which are directed to therapeutic method using a granzyme inhibitor, (class 514, subclass 2).

B. Species Election Requirement

The Examiner has also entered a Species Election Requirement and subdivided all the Groups I, II and III inventions as containing claims to "species of disease treated" and identified the following diseases: HIV, LCMV, HCV, HTLV-1, HTLV-2, EBV, HBV, HCMV, HSV-1, HSV-2, HGV, enterovirus, dengue, rabies, melanoma, colon cancer, prostate cancer, renal cancer, non-Hodgkin lymphoma, sarcoma, B-cell leukemia, lung cancer and breast cancer. In this regard, Applicants currently elect HIV, as a species for initial examination. However, if any generic claim, such as 1, 16, 20, 23, 24, or 25 is allowed, Applicants reserve the right to reintroduce claims to the remaining species in the present case.

The Examiner has also entered another Species Election Requirement and required the election of a single species of inhibitor and listed the following species: antibody, small molecule, PI9 mimetic, SPI6, PI9, PI-6, MNEI, PI-8, and PAI-2. In this regard, Applicants currently elect PI9, as a species for initial examination. However, if any generic claim, such as 1, 4, 5, 6, or 12 is allowed, Applicants reserve the right to reintroduce claims to the remaining species in the present case.

C. Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration of this case in view of the above. Should the Examiner have any questions, comments, or suggestions relating to this case, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned Applicants' representative at (512)-536-3035.

Respectfully submitted

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